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Chairman & CEO

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Representative Frank A. LoBiondo
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. LoBiondo:

On behalf of D.A.R.E. New Jersey, Inc. I am seeking your assistance as we work together to protect our children from the threats of drugs and violence.

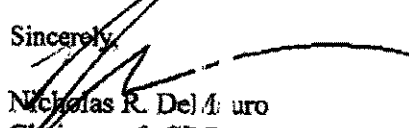
One of our best tools in shaping the lives of children before they resort to violence or Drugs is the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) New Jersey program, an acclaimed initiative that gives youth the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. In New Jersey, D.A.R.E. is a collaboration between law enforcement, local schools, and parents whose goal is to educate students about the personal and social consequences of substance abuse and violence. D.A.R.E. New Jersey's program is a police-officer led series of classroom lessons that teaches children, of all ages, and grade levels, how to resist peer pressure and lead drug- and violence-free lives. We are the largest School-Based Drug Prevention Program in the Garden State.

D.A.R.E. New Jersey is integrating a new Middle School curriculum statewide to all communities. This new curriculum is called "Keepin' It Real" a model substance abuse prevention education program on the SAMSHA National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP).

I am requesting funding for the retraining and implementation of the new curriculum for middle school/junior high school students. This program will benefit 18,000 students in year one, funding will also support the retraining of Certified Officers and train new D.A.R.E. Officers in this new program in your district. Funds would also be used to conduct an in depth study of this new curriculum in the New Jersey Schools.

Attached is the abstract of the project to describe our proposed activity. I respectfully request \$354,742 in funding for program development, training, and evaluations so that we may offer the program throughout your district for middle school students.

Sincerely,


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